

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE**

RYAN KARNOSKI, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-1297-MJP

**JOINT STIPULATION TO UNSEAL  
SELVA MOTION TO QUASH AND  
CONSOLIDATE CASES FOR ALL  
PURPOSES**

1 Plaintiffs Ryan Karnoski, Staff Sergeant Cathrine Schmid, D.L., Chief Warrant Officer  
 2 Lindsey Muller, Petty Officer First Class Terece Lewis, Petty Officer Second Class Phillip  
 3 Stephens, Petty Officer Second Class Megan Winters, Jane Doe, Human Rights Campaign,  
 4 Gender Justice League, and American Military Partners Association n/k/a Modern Military  
 5 Association of America (collectively “Plaintiffs”), Plaintiff-Intervenor State of Washington,  
 6 and Defendants Donald J. Trump, Mark Esper, and the United States Department of Defense  
 7 (collectively “Defendants,” and together with Plaintiffs and Plaintiff-Intervenor, “Parties”)  
 8 hereby stipulate as follows:

9 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs served Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (“FRCP”) 45 subpoenas  
 10 for the depositions of former Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis, former Vice Chairman of  
 11 the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Paul J. Selva, and current Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert  
 12 Wilkie Jr., and former Vice Chief of Naval Operations Admiral William F. Moran;

13 WHEREAS, Defendants moved to quash all four subpoenas in the place of compliance,  
 14 *see Karnoski, et al. v. Trump, et al.*, No. 2:20-mc-00010-RAJ-RJK (E.D. Va.) (Mattis);  
 15 *Karnoski, et al. v. Trump, et al.*, No. 1:20-mc-0015-LO-TCP (E.D. Va.) (Selva); *Karnoski, et*  
 16 *al. v. Trump, et al.*, No. 1:20-mc-00016-LO-IDD (E.D. Va.) (Wilkie); *Karnoski, et al. v.*  
 17 *Trump, et al.*, No. 1:20-mc-00013-UA-JEP (M.D.N.C.) (Moran);

18 WHEREAS, at Plaintiffs’ Request, and over Defendants’ objections, the courts in the  
 19 Mattis, Selva and Wilkie matters transferred those subpoena disputes to this district.<sup>1</sup> *See*  
 20 *Karnoski, et al. v. Trump, et al.*, No. 2:20-mc-00061-MJP (W.D. Wa.) (Mattis); *Karnoski, et al.*  
 21 *v. Trump, et al.*, No. 2:20-mc-00055-MJP (W.D. Wa.) (Selva); *Karnoski, et al. v. Trump, et al.*,  
 22 No. 2:20-mc-00056-MJP (W.D. Wa.) (Wilkie);

23 WHEREAS, the Selva matter has been sealed in its entirety despite no order from the  
 24 transferor court requiring such relief;  
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 27 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs’ motion to transfer the Moran matter is still pending in the Middle District of  
 28 North Carolina, as is Defendants’ motion to quash the Moran subpoena. *See Karnoski, et al. v.*  
*Trump, et al.*, No. 1:20-mc-00013-UA-JEP (M.D.N.C.)

1 WHEREAS, on July 23, 2020, with Plaintiff and Plaintiff-Intervenor's consent, counsel  
2 for Defendants contacted the Clerk's Office to request that the Selva matter be unsealed;

3 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, the Law Clerk to the Hon. Marsha J. Pechman contacted  
4 the Parties via email, and stated that the Clerk's Office requests that, if the parties agree that the  
5 Selva matter was sealed in error, the parties "file a stipulated motion to unseal;"

6 WHEREAS, this Court previously consolidated a third-party subpoena matter that had  
7 been transferred to this district with the underlying case, *see* Dkt. 367 (consolidating transferred  
8 matter concerning Dr. Paul R. McHugh);

9 WHEREAS, the Parties, in accordance with Local Civil Rule ("LCR") 42(b), met and  
10 agreed that the Mattis, Selva, and Wilkie subpoena disputes should be consolidated with the  
11 underlying case, and further agreed that this would not require additional changes to the case  
12 schedule, *see* Dkt. 550;

13 NOW THEREFORE, the Parties, through their respective counsel of record, do hereby  
14 stipulate and agree as follows:

- 15 • No. 2:20-mc-00055-MJP, concerning the motion to quash the deposition of  
16 former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Paul J. Selva, should  
17 be unsealed, however, individual documents that previously were placed under  
18 seal by the transferor court should remain under seal;
- 19 • No. 2:20-mc-00061-MJP, No. 2:20-mc-00055-MJP, and No. 2:20-mc-00056-  
20 MJP, concerning the motions to quash the depositions of former Secretary of  
21 Defense James N. Mattis, former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
22 General Paul J. Selva, and current Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie  
23 Jr., respectively, should be consolidated with the underlying case, No. 2:17-cv-  
24 1297-MJP, for all purposes pursuant to FRCP 42 and LCR 42.<sup>2</sup>

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27 <sup>2</sup> Despite agreeing to consolidation, Defendants respectfully maintain their  
28 disagreement with the transfers of the Mattis, Selva, and Wilkie matters to this district, and  
maintain that each motion to quash requires a distinct apex analysis.

SO STIPULATED.

Respectfully submitted, July 30, 2020.

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**ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on the Parties' Joint Stipulation To Unseal Selva Motion To Quash And Consolidate Cases For All Purposes. After considering the Parties' Joint Stipulation, the Court hereby ORDERS the following:

- No. 2:20-mc-00055-MJP, concerning the motion to quash the deposition of former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Paul J. Selva, is hereby unsealed, however, individual documents that previously were placed under seal by the transferor court shall remain under seal;
- No. 2:20-mc-00061-MJP, No. 2:20-mc-00055-MJP, and No. 2:20-mc-00056-MJP, concerning the motions to quash the depositions of former Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis, former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Paul J. Selva, and current Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie Jr., respectively, shall be consolidated with the underlying case, No. 2:17-cv-1297-MJP, for all purposes pursuant to FRCP 42 and LCR 42.

**All future filings shall be filed in 17-cv-1297 MJP.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 30th day of July, 2020.



Marsha J. Pechman  
United States Senior District Judge

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